

Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

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ADMINISTRATION

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1. As of 31 May the total personnel on duty was [REDACTED]

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2. On 6 May, the following G-2 selected Mobilization Designees, on two weeks' active-duty training in CIA, were briefed on FDD

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3. [REDACTED] FDD, has been designated notary public for [REDACTED]

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4. On request of Personnel Office a survey was made to ascertain FDD clerical personnel interested in overseas duty; 12 answered affirmatively.

5. A schedule of "PG" interviews for all FDD personnel not previously processed in this manner has been started by the Security Office.

6. A survey of FDD air-conditioning units, made by the Logistics Office, to the end of "stretching" such equipment throughout the Agency, resulted in the loss of three units.

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7. [REDACTED] of Personnel Procurement visited FDD to seek leads for recruitment for FDD needs.

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8. [REDACTED] Management Improvement Staff, DD/A, and [REDACTED] Classification and Wage Division, Personnel Office, visited FDD to survey the requested reorganization plan submitted by FDD.

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OPERATIONS

1. The twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications met on 14 and 28 May 1954. The twenty-sixth meeting considered exploitation of satellite scientific and technical publications. At the twenty-seventh

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meeting it was agreed that FDD would on 1 June 1954 initiate a regular index digest of the Italian newspaper La Stampa and would proceed with the abstracting of 16 Soviet scientific and technical publications. Also at this meeting agreement was reached on the China program which will consist of (1) a monthly military report, (2) annotated bibliographies, (3) indexing of two newspapers, and (4) tables of contents of economic periodicals.

2. On 7 May, the FDD Linguist Service moved to new quarters in [REDACTED]. During the month 825 transactions were handled.

3. During the month two new series of reports were initiated: News Items on Science in Orbit Countries in [REDACTED] and Selected Briefs from the International Press in Summary form. It is now planned to produce the science news items as a Summary.

4. Commendations:

From [REDACTED], Chief, RQM/OIS, on behalf of the [REDACTED] Field Office, for FDD Reference Aid No. 2, Communist Perspective.

From [REDACTED], Director of Training, [REDACTED] Deputy Chief, FDD, reiterating satisfaction with [REDACTED] presentation at the Agency Orientation Course on 2 February 1954.

From [REDACTED], Chief, SR/4, DD/P, for service rendered by [REDACTED], FDD, while on temporary duty with SR/4.

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From [REDACTED], Acting Chief, Industrial Register, OCD, for FDD Summary No. 140, Second Report on Celebes Political, Economic, and Sociological Activities, prepared by [REDACTED]

From Mr. Huntington W. Sheldon, Assistant Director, OCI, an appreciation for FDD Research Aid No. 3, Some Aspects of Sino-Soviet Relations Following Stalin's Death. OCI regards the study as a very valuable document and proposes to use it as the basis for a special article in its Current Intelligence Weekly.

5. Liaison activities:

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Soviet aircraft. Considerable material was found and will be requested through Air Technical Intelligence Center.

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Messrs. T. Georgevitch and Richard Bauer, G-2, conferred with [REDACTED] FDD, to work out details of a G-2 requirement (periodic analyses of trends in scientific fields) accepted by the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications. Exploration of the problem indicated that representatives of the Chemical Corps, the Office of the Surgeon General, and the Signal Corps would be required. A meeting for all parties was planned for early June.

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25X1A [REDACTED] FDD, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OCD, conferred with Messrs. George Paghe, M. Kwapiczewski, and Val Walery-Staczewski of Air Information Division and Capt. Sachanen of ATIC on the abstracting of Soviet scientific publications. A new format for the abstracts was worked out and a division of the workload among the participants was agreed upon. FDD will abstract 16 selected periodicals, AID 8, and ATIC will abstract 30.

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[REDACTED] conferred with Capt. Kudravits, ATIC, who has been assigned the duty of procuring documents in various European cities, on FDD needs for Soviet publications. [REDACTED] was furnished with lists of hard-to-obtain items and shown lists of FDD subscriptions to forestall duplication.

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Mr. Andrew G. Soorin, ATIC, visited [REDACTED] FDD, for a survey of Russian-language literature available in CIA on all branches of electronics and associated fields; found many items in Foreign Branch, CIA Library, subject to subsequent loan request by ATIC.

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[REDACTED] FDD, was on a four-week loan to the DD/P Area.

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[REDACTED] FDD, spent 10 hours reviewing microfilm for Economic Defense Division, ORR.

Scientific and Technical Branch, FDD, prepared surveys on commercial abstracting of Soviet and Satellite scientific periodicals and availability of tables of contents of Western scientific periodicals for the Subcommittee on Exploitation.

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7. Significant reports:

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[REDACTED] -- Availability of consumer goods as indicated
by advertisements in the Chinese Communist press

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[REDACTED] -- USSR work on organic dielectrics

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FDD Summary No. 141 -- Specifications of certain products
of Shanghai steel, tool, machinery, wire, and battery plants

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Enclosures: 2

Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Details on Personnel Actions